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Linda May Jordan

April 29, 1952 – Dec. 11, 2019

Linda May Jordan passed away peacefully at her home in Turner, Oregon. She was with her husband, Bob, and sister, Kendall, and had seen her three children and grandchild. In a soft voice that morning, she whispered "I want to go home to be with Jesus."

Linda was born in Salem, Oregon to Jacob and Elva Weigum. She lived in Keizer most of her life, attending McNary High School. She was raised on her parents small farm. She was the third of four children.

Linda was a secretary at the Oregon Real Estate Division from 1973 to 1983. She met the love of her life, Bob Jordan, at work in 1974 and they married in May, 1979. They had three children; Melissa Jordan Davey, Nicholas Jordan and Jennifer Jordan.

Linda was an avid gardener and always transformed their yards into bright, colorful oases of flowers and shrubs. Linda spent countless hours outside tending her gardens. She loved the outdoors.

Sewing and knitting were other passions Linda enjoyed. She made her own wedding dress and later made all the bridesmaids dresses for daughter Melissa's wedding. Linda also knitted prayer shawls for her church. The shawls were prayed over and given to bereaved or ailing individuals. Linda treasured the notes of thanks she received from shawl recipients. The prayer shawl knitting was a personal ministry for her.

Linda also enjoyed facilitating the fund-raising treasure sales for several years for the annual "Tea and Treasures"

event at church. Linda so enjoyed searching the thrift stores in town to find items for the event. She would even recruit her sister Kendall to be on the lookout for items, and they both would obtain items all year long just for this event. Linda and Kendall also loved shopping the thrift stores for furniture and home decor items, and occasional fashion finds. Linda decorated her and Bob's home with many of her very tasteful finds.

Another unusual interest of Linda's was tap dancing. Linda and sister Kendall tap danced with the Franz School of Dance Troupe at the state fair for a few years. Linda enjoyed practicing the dancing as a way to have some fun exercising.

After Bob's retirement, Linda and Bob enjoyed traveling on an Alaskan cruise, an Empire Builder train ride to Chicago, cross-country road trips to New Orleans and Boston. They enjoyed travelling to Europe to visit Spain, Portugal, and tour Greece and the Greek isles.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Elva and Jacob Weigum and older brother Kenneth R. Weigum. She is survived by her husband Bob Jordan and children Melissa Davey (Clayton), Nicholas Jordan, Jennifer Jordan, granddaughter Madelyn Davey, sister Kendall Jacobsen-Sheng (Li), brother Lenny Weigum, and several nieces.

A memorial service is planned for Monday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. at Salem First Baptist Church in Salem.

Contributions can be made to Salem First Baptist Church or the charity of your choice.

Refugees in spotlight as result of national changes

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

In the past four years, Salem for Refugees has helped resettle more than 300 individuals and families fleeing war, violence, conflict or persecution.

However, an executive order issued by President Donald Trump could upend those efforts if Marion County Commissioners do not provide a letter of consent to continue allowing refugees into the area.

To get ahead of potential backlash, Matthew Westerbeck, refugee services program manager at Catholic Charities of Oregon, and Anya Holcomb, co-founder of Salem for Refugees, spoke to members of the Keizer City Council at its meeting Monday, Dec. 16.

"There are almost 71 million displaced people throughout the world and roughly 26 million meet the United Nations definition of a refugee," Westerbeck said. "When refugees arrive in Oregon, we help get them on their feet."

In September, the Trump administration announced it was placing a new limit on the number of refugees permitted to come to the United States and gave state and local authorities, like the Marion County Board of Commissioners, the option to reject any resettlement of refugees in their jurisdictions. Under the new policy, a governor could consent to allowing refugees in the state and a county commission could prevent them from being resettled locally.

"Refugee visas are the most difficult visas to obtain," Westerbeck said. Each person who applies is vetted by a legion of federal agencies ranging from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to the National Counterterrorism Center.

Once refugees arrive, Westerbeck said they typically become some of the nation's most productive citizens.

"The most profound statement of how hard these families work is that within about 20 years, they have an aver-

age income \$14,000 more than the national average. The rate of entrepreneurship is 1.5 times

the general rate of entrepreneurship, they have higher workforce participation than the national average and they pay more in taxes than they receive in benefits," Westerbeck said.

The rising cost of housing Portland was one of the major factors in expanding resettlement efforts to Salem-Keizer in 2015, said Holcomb, a resident of Keizer.

"At the time, there were many who wanted to get involved, but we didn't have a coordinated infrastructure," she said. Salem for Refugees was established to create a network of support services that includes housing, employment, education, health care and transportation.

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Catholic Charities of Oregon

Until recent action by the Oregon Legislature requiring the Oregon Department

of Human Services to award grants to resettlement agencies, most efforts to help refugees resettle in Oregon were provided through private donations.

Support offered through Salem for Refugees goes beyond providing material objects as well.

"We have mentor teams who walk alongside them as friends and guides," Holcomb said.

Holcomb finished by sharing the tale of one family, a father and four daughters, who are already well on their way to establishing roots in the area.

Abbas, not the man's real name, fled to Thailand from Pakistan after his family was attacked for being religious minorities. Abbas was injured and his pregnant wife was sent into early labor. She died in childbirth but the baby girl survived.

Abbas arrived in Salem-Keizer about two years ago and began working at Sparrow Furniture in Salem. He's now working for Goodwill and his daughters are either enrolled in school or preparing for it.

"It was a dream of his wife that his daughters would get an education. He tells us he's fulfilling that dream for her now," Holcomb said.

For more information about Refugees for Salem, visit salemforrefugees.org.

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• 2-bedroom
• cottages

MONTHLY RENT: Cost Varies

ASSISTED LIVING AVAILABILITY: Call

AMENITIES:

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